

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1741**

January 30, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a petitioner to obtain a criminal history background check through the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and provide that information to the court clerk when filing a petition to change their name, excluding name changes that are the result of lawful marriage, marital dissolution, or adoption.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$1,500/TBI**

**Assumptions:**

- TBI conducts criminal history background checks through its Tennessee Open Records Information Services (TORIS) system. Any results on an individual's background check are based on arrest records within the State of Tennessee.
- TBI charges \$29.00 for Tennessee name-only criminal background checks through their TORIS system.
- According to the TBI, 100 percent of the \$29.00 fee for name-only criminal background checks is retained by the Bureau.
- Change of name petitions, excluding name changes for marriage licenses, are recorded as miscellaneous general civil filings in the Tennessee Judicial Information System.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts reports an average of 9,841 miscellaneous general civil filings per year over the last five fiscal years.
- The annual number of name change petitions filed cannot reasonably be estimated because such data is currently comingled with other miscellaneous general civil filings data. However, it is reasonable to assume that no less than 50 applicable name change petitions will occur each year for which the \$29.00 fee will be collected.
- The recurring increase in state fee revenue to the TBI is estimated to exceed \$1,450 (50 background checks x \$29.00).
- The TBI can absorb the increased workload performing the additional background checks within existing resources.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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